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But First: THE TAPE HAS ARRIVED

Hi fans.... I have finally obtained, with some outside help, a tape for which I have been waiting for months.

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A REVIEW OF TripleMania

Ovaciones reports 55,000. Weekly Gong reports 62,000. Box y Lucha reports "more than 50,000." A contact in Mexico City says nearly 70,000. The Wrestling Observer Newsletter says at least 42,000. Whatever, it was a big show, alright, one of Mexico's -- and North America's-- biggest ever. Having read reports in several magazines, newspapers, newsletters, etc., here was what I was able to piece together in my mind the highlights of the card, with details to look for when it airs next weekend. Sorry, but I don't have the Galavision airing date yet. It airs on satellite (probably M1, channel 14) from 8:30 to midnight on Friday, May 21st, 1993.

1. Inicial: Las Rockeras {captain Martha "La Aplandora" Villalobos, La Pantera Surena, and Wendy La Guerrerilla} defeated captain Lola "Dinamita" Gonzalez, La Rosa [De Las Estrellas], and Vicky Carranza in 17:50 when Villalobos pinned Gonzalez (I am not sure how). The tecnicas were accompanied to the ring by three "mookie mookie men," young men wearing cowboy boots, a thong, and nothing else. I take it this was Pena's way of thumbing his nose at the many critics who deride his use of scantily clad women to accompany his luchadores to the ring. La Rosa replaced Reyna Gallegos, who had broken her leg (as so graphically shown two straight weeks running on Galavision) on the final dive of her match on April 23rd. This match received so little attention in Super Luchas it did not even rate a mention of the result, just a picture of the tecnicas and their men.

2. Segunda: Los Sexy Dancers {El Salsero, Super Calo, and captain Winners} defeated Los Exoticos Del AAA {Rudy "Perfumado" Reyna, May Flowers, and captain Baby Sharon} in 11:22 when Winners pinned May Flowers. By what little description and the few pictures this match got, the two ring entrances were the primary high spot of the match. They did a sequence of dives right before the end with Salsero's looking hot (no pun intended).

3. Tercera: El Tercia Del Aire {El Rey Misterio junior, El Misterioso, and captain El Volador} defeated Los Nuevos Destruyores Del Ring {Tony Arce, Rocco Valente, and captain El Vulcano} in 13:59 when Volador pinned Vulcano. The tecnicos tried to do a triple *tope suicida* (cannonball variety) near the end but for whatever reason el Misterioso was way late. Rey Misterio junior took a triple-team off-the-top-rope power bomb from Vulcano in what was probably the bump of the night. This match had the most dives of any match of the night, by far.

4. Cuarta: Octagon, El Villano III, and El Hijo Del Santo defeated Heavy Metal, Rambo, and Fuerza Guerrera in 19:37 when Santito made Casas submit to *la de a caballo* (camel clutch). Thus began the Santo/Casas feud which culminated this past Friday night. Can they air this match on TV? Casas's cut-off tee-shirt, which he wore throughout the match, said "Fuck You" in huge letters. Casas ripped at Santo's mask to set up their feud. This went a lot longer than I thought it would.

5. Quinta: Mexican National Light-Heavyweight Championship: Champion Lizmark senior, seconded by El Volador, retained his title somehow over challenger La Parca, seconded by "El Chacho" Herodes, who was otherwise not on this card. According to Weekly Gong, Parca pinned Lizmark at the 16:40 mark, but the HEAD commissioner of the Distrito Federal Commission of Boxing and Wrestling, Juan Jose Torres LLanda, ordered the match restarted (because Lizmark had raised his shoulder just before the three count). A 15:00 time limit overtime was announced, where Lizmark had to win, and Gong says Lizmark won via submission in 3:51, a report not found anywhere else. Box y Lucha and Super Luchas were utterly confused. The former tried to give a reason for Lizmark's win but gave up while the latter just gave up. Super Luchas had a great picture of, after the match had been awarded to Lizmark, Volador's reaction; the look of utter confusion on his face is priceless. Clearly things did not go according to Hoyle. Most media I have read described this as the best match on the show.

6. Sexta: Relevos AAA: La Mascara Sagrada, La Mascarita Sagrada, and The Love Machine defeated Jerry "El Puma" Estrada, Jerrito Estrada, and The Blue Panther in two straight falls in a total elapsed time of 19:16. Fall one ended in 6:05 when Mascarita pinned Jerrito; fall two ended in 8:11 when Panther was disqualified for piledriving Machine. They apparently did a lot of spots which put Mascarita over on the big boys. On one, he does *una plancha* (which is a diving body press from off of the top rope) onto Blue Panther; on another, he gives Jerry Estrada a missile kick (as off of the top rope drop kick). As much time, energy, and money that they have invested in the Panther-Machine feud, doesn't Machine have to take Panther's mask in the next couple of years? Just asking....

7. Semifinal: Mascara Contra Caballera: Pedro "El Perro" Aguayo (caballera) defeated Mascara Ano Dos Mil (mascara) two falls to one in a total elapsed time of 21:54. Both the first two falls ended via disqualification; Aguayo fouled Mascara's second (Universo Dos Mil) at 3:52 of round one; then Mascara fouled Misterioso (Aguayo's second) at 2:50 of round two. The fouls, the blood, and the drama continued. Finally, while Universo was on the apron complaining about something to referee "El CHocolate," Aguayo, who had been abused the whole third fall with cheating opponent(s), got his revenge and really punted Mascara in the groin. CHocolate turned around, Aguayo covered Mascara, and at 15:12 of round three the three count occurred. Remember that Mascara had "stolen" a foul victory over Anibal in his last mask match. So the crowd felt that justice had been served. The brothers were livid and destroyed CHocolate (thus earning Universo his short-lived suspension). Mascara tried to run away but who else but Tono Pena ordered him back in where he unmasked and then ran away quickly. He was announced as Jesus Reyes Gonzales, now age 35 this month, from Lagos de Moreno, Jalisco. This was said to have been the match with the most heat and drama and got an enormous satisfied pop for the very popular Aguayo.

8. Estellar: Carrera Contra Carrera: Cien Caras, seconded by Universo Dos Mil, defeated Konnan el Barbaro, seconded by La Mascarita Sagrada, two falls to one in a total elapsed time of 12:14. By the time the match started, it was almost 12:30, and the Metro (subway), which is how the huge majority of the fans got to the arena, stops running at 1:30. So, they rushed through the match. Actually, the card started at 8:30 and they completed 7 matches in 4 hours, with only 1 hour, 59 minutes, and 29 seconds of timed action. So you can see the gaps between matches, the concert, the enrahces, etc., were half the show. The match itself has already been reviewed to death but for official purposes, the first fall went 4:32 (Caras won via typical rudo roughness), the second went 2:55 (Konnan won via pinfall with a small package -- *una enredadera*), and the third went 4:47 (Caras won via count out of the ring). My only other comment was, was it my imagination or did the Mexican lucha libre media cover Konnan's loss with unbridled joy -- "Adios, Konnan" was everywhere. I wonder how much of the media's wishful thinking represented a shoot.

AAA

Results

No new results yet. In fact, except for the TV tapings of 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, and 5/14, I have NO results from this troupe for the last thirty whole days!

Cards

Saturday, May 1st, 1993:

1) Desde el Auditorio General Jose Maria Arteaga en Queretaro, Queretaro: Hijo del Santo, Eddy Guerrero, and Rey Misterio junior headlined this Labor Day show against the rudo "p" trio of Parca, Psicosis, and Picudo. Underneath, Winners and Dragon de Oro took on Cobarde II and Indomito; and Angelito Azteca, Voladorcito, and Octagoncito faced Espectrito, Jerrito Estrada, and Fuercita Guerrero.

2) Desde la Feria del Cafe en Cuatepec, Veracruz: I have just the top two matches that were held on this card. The semifinal pitted Artista and Marabunta versus Tiger Man and Solar I, while the main event pitted Hijo del Angel Blanco I and Angel Blanco junior against Perro Aguayo and Galactico (2 other matches were held.)

3) Desde Papantla, Veracruz: Two great rudos, Espanto junior and Heavy Metal, tried to carry Super Muneco and Angel Azteca in this card's main event. Espantito and Picudito battled Mini Winners and Mascarita Sagrada in the semifinal. Also, Maremoto, Hectatombe, and Terremoto took on the where-have-they-been? trio of Zafiro, Diamante, and Brillante.

4) Desde la Arena Cancun en Cancun, Quintana Roo: And this is the show that Dave Scherer missed while he was in town: Octagon met Fuerza Guerrero in *un mano a mano estellar*. The semifinal was Mascara Sagrada, Lizmark, and Lizmark junior versus Rambo, Fishman, and Universo Dos Mil. And underneath, Wendy and Pantera Surena took on Lola Gonzalez and whoever substituted for Reyna Gallegos, who broke her ankle the night before (Rosa maybe?).

Sunday, May 2nd, 1993:

1) Desde Cordoba, Veracruz: The New Atomic Pair, Hijo del Santo and Eddy Guerrero, took on Espanto junior and Parca in what looked on paper like a super match on top here this afternoon. Rocco Valente, Psicosis, and Tony Arce teamed in the semifinal against Volador, Angel Azteca, and Misterioso. Atila junior and Bleda took on Kick Boxer and Tigre Cosmico; and Micros Volador, Konnan, and Misterioso faced the Micro Destructores as well.

2) Desde Merida, Yucatan: This was almost a repeat of the card in nearby Cancun from last night. Octagon faced Fuerza Guerrera in the main event. Lizmark, Lizmark junior, and Villano III met Fishman, Rambo, and Universo Dos Mil in the semifinal. A newer undercard match saw Mascara Sagrada, Salomon Grondy, and Tinieblas junior battle Jerry Estrada, Cobarde, and Angel Blanco junior. The opener had Lola Gonzalez, Shitara, and (probably Rosa) against Wendy, Pantera Surena, and Martha Villalobos.

Wednesday, May 5th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Zacatecas en Zacatecas, Zacatecas: The only AAA Wednesday show this week booked this main event: Hijo de Santo and Latin Lover versus Universo Dos Mil (wasn't he supposed to be suspended?) and Mascara Ano Dos Mil. Psicosis and Hijo del Espectro took on Tornado and Dragon de Oro in the semifinal. Underneath, Espectrito and Espantito faced Mascarita Sagrada and Octagoncito.

Saturday, May 8th, 1993:

1) Desde el Gimnasio de la Unidad Deportiva en la Villa de Milpa Alta en Milpa Alta, Distrito Federal: Movie stars Hijo del Santo and Mascara Sagrada joined forces to face Mascara Ano Dos Mil and Parca in the main event here. Winners and Super Calo took on May Flowers and Rudy Reyna in the semifinal. Also, Super Velocito and Mini Winners met Fuercita Guerrera and Mini Astrito; Tigre Cosmico and Bandido took on Gold Man (tecnico, nephew of Santo) and Juventud Guerrera (rudo, son of Fuerza Guerrera); and Mole and Super Comado faced Hombre Arana and Principe Island II.

2) Desde la Feria del Cafe en Coatepec, Veracruz: Rambo and Ice Killer challenged Octagon and Villano III in this tiny town's big main event. Rey Misterio junior, who I thought was already back in Los Angeles for the summer, worked the semifinal here with Galactico against Hijo del Espectro and Aullido.

3) Apizaco, Tlaxcala: This was the big show of the day for the AAA. Eddy Guerrero of El Paso, Salomon Grondy of Dallas, and Love Machine of Portland were the all-American babyfaces in the main event against rudos Fuerza Guerrera (of Netzahualcoyotl), Blue Panther (of Gomez Palacios), and Angel Blanco junior (of Guadalajara). Psicosis, Heavy Metal, and Picudo (where has he been) took on Volador, Misterioso, and Solar I in what could have been a super semifinal. Underneath, Halcon 78, Tornado, and Falcon wrestled Gallego, Mister Condor, and Fantasma de la Quebrada junior. To open the show, Atila junior and Bleda (two of the AAA originals) battled Ivanhoe and Apolo.

Sunday, May 9th, 1993:

1) Desde la Palenque Agua Azul in Guadalajara, Jalisco: Heavy Metal defended (and presumably retained) his Mexican National Welterweight Championship in the main event today against challenger and ex-champion el Rey Misterio junior. Mascara Sagrada, Dragon de Oro, and Tinieblas junior faced Herodes, Vulcano, and Tony Arce in the semifinal.

2) Desde Escobedo, Queretaro: In a small AAA show, los Hijos del Angel Blanco I y II main-evented against Salsero and Torero. Actually, the semifinal sounded better on paper, with Mascarita Sagrada and Octagoncito versus Jerrito Estrada and Espectrito (junior).

3) Desde Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua: How's this for a strange main event? Octagon and Salomon Grondy versus Psicosis and Fuerza Guerrera? Who doesn't fit in with the other three in that match? In *un mano a mano lucha semifinal*, Angel Azteca faced Cobarde II.

4) Desde Jalapa, Veracruz: Not a hot main event (ha ha) in the home of the jalapeno pepper today, with The Rose (returning from his honeymoon), Baby Sharon, and Juventud Guerrera facing Kick Boxer, Falcon, and Halcon 78. Mini Winners faced Parquita in a very rare midgets' singles match semifinal.

5) Desde Cordoba, Veracruz: This was the big show of the day for Sunday for the AAA. Perro Aguayo, Fantasma (who will turn heel on the road here), Love Machine (first match back, 9 days after being piledriven by Blue Panther) versus, naturally, Blue Panther, Fishman, and Rambo. Winners and Super Calo team in the semifinal against Rudy Reyna and May Flowers. Also, Mister Maldad met Super Kiss in *un mano a mano tercera*. Finally, Hectatombe, Maremoto, and Terremoto met Tortuguillos Karatekas I, II, y III.

News

1) It is reported that Konnan el Barbaro, Mascarita Sagrada, and Espectrito (junior) will be going on a world trip (to South Korea, Hong Kong, and Europe) in June to test the feasibility of promoting AAA *lucha libre* in those areas.

2) Gargola el Sultan is apparently about to debut here. He wants to do an "Ali Baba and his 40 Thieves" routine to feud with Super Muneco, Hassam el Genio, and Lamparin.

Television

Last week's television was taped Friday, May 7, 1993, at el Gimnasio Juan de la Barrera en la Ciudad de Mexico. Here we go:

1. Inicial: Giro, Colorado, and Apolo defeated Doctor Maldad, Mister Maldad, and Angel Mortal two falls to one when Giro pinned Doctor Maldad after *un tope en reversa* in fall three. Hey, if Mister Maldad had pulled his weight I — I mean Doctor Maldad — would not have had to do the job. Actually, I thought this was the best match on the show, at *** 3/4. It is easily the best I have seen out of each of these six wrestlers, especially Apolo. Great dives, good work, and hard work.

2. Segunda: Marabunta, Reptil, and Avispa (editor's note: debuting in this match) versus Super Kalo (that's how they spelled it in the paper), Salsero, and Torero went to a sextuple-count-out-of-the-ring in the third fall. Salsero pinned Avispa to end round one with a nice flipping sunset flip. All three rudos made Kalo submit in fall two with a joint *cavernaria*. After the big dives in fall three, [of which Avispa's missed so bad the crowd was actually laughing at him], none of the wrestlers could make it back in. Dead crowd for this one. **. Put Kalo back with Winner!

3. Tercera: My Flower, Rudy Reyna, and Babe Sharon versus Angel Azteca, Solar, and Winner. Well, they spelled it "My Flower" and "Winner" in their own ad! What a disappointing match this was. You've heard the expression "they lost the match?" Well, they never had this match. This is the second straight Solar and Angel Azteca match I've seen where the in-ring communication was terrible. Reyna's gimmick work was fine and Flowers's technical wrestling was super. I've seen Winners better. Crowd was dead for this one for sure. Solar pinned Reyna with the lariat in fall one; Reyna returned the favor to Solar with the diving body press (well done) in fall two; and Reyna pinned Winners clean with the power bomb in fall three. *3/4. Crowd still dead.

4. Semifinal: Captain Fantasma, Parka, and Espectro defeated Mascara Sagrada, captain Lizmark, and Latin Lover in two straight falls. My main impression of this match is that Latin Lover is improving VERY fast. Sagrada was disqualified for continuing to pound on Fantasma after Fantasma had conceded in fall one. Parka (? , why did Parka and not Fantasma get the pin? And don't give me a story about "the legal man in the ring" as since when does that matter here?) pinned Sagrada after Fantasma fouled Sagrada to wrap up fall two. Parka was the best thing in the match, then Latin Lover. Sagrada and Fantasma did a good job of keeping their feud going. Lizmark was good and Espectro fair. Not bad at all. ***. And the crowd noise picked up a lot too.

5. Estellar: Captain Mascara Ano Dos Mil, Jerry Estrada, and Heavy Metal defeated Perro Aguayo, captain Hijo Del Santo, and Octagon two falls to one. Heavy Metal pinned Santo in falls one (*senton*) and three (*magistral*) to set up their title match the next week. Octagon got the second fall victory over Metal with one of the most well-executed *tiburazones* (literally, "shark," a Russian Leg Sweep into a leg behind the neck submission hold) ever. How did Santo bleed so much from the forehead without having his mask ripped first? Do you know how technically difficult that is to do (without blood capsules, that is)? The match was well booked and Aguayo and Mascara (who did not after all pick a new ring name) kept up their feud. The four younger men were excellent and the two elder fine and everything about this match was super. *** 1/2. Crowd enjoyed this one.

6. Cartometro: Top tecnico this week was Octagon; top rudo: Blue Panther; top pareja: Misterioso/Volador; top trio: May Flowers/Rudy Reyna/The Rose (don't they mean Baby Sharon? The Rose hasn't wrestled in weeks); Lo Relevante: The wildness at the end of the Villahermosa card; El Lance: Hijo del Santo's *plancha* outside of the ring onto Espanto.

This week's television was in fact taped Friday, May 14th, 1993, at el Gimnasio Juan de la Barrera in Mexico City. And here we go again, thanks to Dave "El Maestro" Scherer:

1. Inicial: Lola Gonzalez, Vicky Carranza, and La Rosa defeated Martha Villalobos, Pantera Surena, and Wendy two falls to one. The finish of the third fall saw Martha and Wendy come to blows when both had a "miscommunication," accidental blows, that cost the rudas the match. Martha left in a huff while Pantera Surena and the rudas' manager, el Triturador, were trying to keep the team together.

2. Segunda: Revancha: Marabunta, Reptil, and Avispa versus Super Calo, Salsero, and Torero. I don't believe this aired on satellite. No result yet.

3. Tercera: Fantasma, Angel Blanco junior, and Cobarde defeated Mascara Sagrada, Lizmark junior, and Tinieblas junior two falls to one. Fantasma made Lizmark submit to the double leg boston crab submission hold; Angel Blanco pinned Tinieblas with the diving body press; and Cobarde pinned Sagrada with a power bomb to the knees move that looked hot to end fall one. Lizmark pinned Cobarde in stage two with the moonsault press while Tinieblas pinned Blanco after a flip *tope*. Sagrada unmasked his feud partner Fantasma in fall three for the automatic disqualification loss. Sagrada, then Lizmark, then Cobarde all did super *topes*. Very good match. ****. But where is this feud going?

4. Semifinal: Octagon, Eddy Guerrero, and Salomon Grondy versus Mocho Cota, Fishman, and Herodes. When Dave "I have my standards" Scherer saw the semifinal rudos he decided to rake the yard instead; no result known. Mocho Cota reappeared in this match, coming out off of a multi-year retirement, looking as wild as ever.

5. Estellar: WWA World Welterweight Championship: Champion Hijo Del Santo, seconded by "New Atomic Pair" tag team partner Eddy Guerrero, defended his title versus challenger Heavy Metal, seconded by Fuerza Guerrera. Metal pinned Santo in fall one with *la casita*, or *la magistral*, or *la Dandina*, whatever you wish to call it. Santo pinned Metal in stage two with the standing backward drop from off of the second rope. The third fall was hot. They did four straight dives, with Santo even doing a missile kick into a *tope*, which most be near

impossible to do. Finally, Santo got Casas into his finisher, *la de a caballo* (camel clutch), but Fuerza Guerrera managed to interfere and kick Santo off of the hold. The referee did not see Guerrera's actions. Then, Casas got Santo in the same hold. Eddy Guerrero came in, shoved the referee aside, and kicked Metal off of Santo. The referee, having been party to the second infraction, disqualified Santo; so, Heavy Metal is your new WWA World Welterweight Champion. Surprise, surprise, surprise. Santo immediately challenged mask versus hair for next week. If it comes off, you can bet the house on that one. Said to have been spectacular, and given *** 7/8 by Dave "I don't give **** grades" Scherer. I, of course, am tickled pink. Thanks guys.

EMLL

Results

Wednesday, April 14th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Coliseo de Acapulco en Acapulco, Guerrero: In a bloody singles' match with no other stipulation, Pierroth junior defeated Kahos I two falls to one to restore some honor after losing two CMLL title matches in the prior three weeks. Atlantis, Ultimo Dragon, and Dandy defeated Fiera, Hijo del Solitario, and Emilio CHarles junior in three falls when Atlantis made Fiera give up in round three to the torture rack. Bronce, Platino, and Ludwig Star defeated Archangel de la Muerte, Guerrero de la Muerte, and Che Guevara two to one in the *tercera*. Underneath, Fuego Salvaje defeated Padrino and Misterio Verde junior took care of Corcel de Plata.

Saturday, April 17th, 1993:

1) Desde la Pista Arena Revolucion en la Ciudad de Mexico, Distrito Federal: Last November, Brazo de Oro lost his hair to Sangre CHicana. Tonight, he gained a small measure of revenge, pinning CHicana with *una magistral* in fall three as Brazo de Oro, Brazo, and Mascara Magica defeated Sangre CHicana, Fiera, and Bestia Salvaje. Kung Fu, Mogur, and Ulises Plus fouled their way to a semifinal win over Kato Kung Lee senior, Pantera II, and Bronce. Gedo, Jado, and Cadaver de Ultratumba defeated Antar, Filoso, and Olimpus in three falls in the *tercera*. Mestizo and Halcon Negro junior took care of Gran Apache I and Vencedor in the *segunda* in three falls. The opener went to Ultimatum and Pegaso in three over Babe Richard and Escudero Rojo.

Sunday, April 18th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Coliseo en Mexico, Distrito Federal: I had previously reported on the top two matches: Ponzona/Sangre CHicana/Fabuloso Blondy d. Lasser Tron/Blue Demon junior/Cachorro Mendoza 2-1; and Mogur/Astro Rey/Troglodita d. Solar II/Antar/Bronce 2-1. Underneath, Gedo, Jado, and Archangel de la Muerte defeated Filoso, CHamaco Valaguez, and Kato Kung Lee senior; Olimpus and Pegaso defeated Babe Richard and Cortado; and Olimpico and Halcon de Plata defeated Escudero Rojo and Reyes Veloz.

Wednesday, April 21st, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Coliseo de Acapulco en Acapulco, Guerrero: Dandy and Emilio CHarles began their feud here tonight, as Charles (accompanied by Mano Negra and Sangre CHicana) fouled Dandy in round three of the main event, was caught, and so Dandy (with Lasser Tron and Brazo de Plata) took home the pyrrhic victory. Felino, Titan, and Guerrero de la Muerte won two out of three semifinal falls from Ludwig Star, Pantera II, and Ciclon Ramirez. Rolls Royce and Nuevo Audaz took two of three from Faradio and Paramedico (if he gets hurt bad does he call himself for emergency treatment?). Lalo El Exotico took care of Louis and Vertigo beat Proyeccion Dos Mil in the openers.

Saturday, April 24th, 1993:

1) Desde la Pista Arena Revolucion en la Ciudad de Mexico, Distrito Federal: Dandy had a tough time with fouls this week. (As reported last week, he was fouled by Satanico in the third fall of the main event of the 4/23 match at la Arena Coliseo but Satanico claimed Dandy fouled him and stole the victory for the rudos). He got fouled in the third fall of tonight's main event too, so he, Corazon de Leon, and Lasser Tron got the victory over M. S. 1, Javier "Monarca" Cruz (the guilty fouler), and Pirata Morgan. Hey, doesn't it expose the business when Dandy gets fouled repeatedly than goes out a couple of hours later and has no problems "performing" if you get my drift? Kahos I, Halcon Negro junior, and Cadaver de Ultratumba took two of three from Kato Kung Lee I, Solar II, and Platino in the semifinal. Guerrero Maya, Guerrero del Futuro, and Damian el Guerrero defeated Shogun, Trueno, and Talisman junior in the *tercera* in three falls. Cortado and Bufalo Salvaje defeated Pegaso and Olimpico, while Ultimatum and Misterio Tapatio beat Escudero Rojo and Comodin in the openers.

Sunday, April 25th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Coliseo en Mexico, Distrito Federal: I had previously reported on the top three matches: Lasser Tron d. Ponzona 2-1; Negro Casas/Sangre CHicana/Javier "Monarca" Cruz d. Plata/Ultimo Dragon/Brazo de Oro 2-1; and Solar II/Shogun/Cortado d. Mogur/Gedo/Jado 2-1. The other two matches saw Panico, Lynx, and Bufalo Salvaje defeat Olimpus, Gran Apache I, and Vencedor while Aguilita Solitaria and Tritoncito took care of Gargolita and Pequeno America.

Tuesday, April 27th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Coliseo en Mexico, Distrito Federal: I had previously reported the result of the main event: Ultimo Dragon defeated Emilio Charles junior to retain the UWA World Middleweight Championship. Here is what else went on at that card: Las Cavernicolas won the "50 Years' Trophy" (something they created on the spot to honor this arena's 50 years defeating Bronce, Platino, and Metalico two falls to one (Popitekus, not the legal man in the ring as if that matters here pinned Metalico in round three). Also, Atlantis, Oro, and Plata defeated Felino, Bestia Salvaje, and Pirata Morgan. Guerrero Maya, Guerrero del Futuro, and Damian el Guerrero defeated Shogun, Vencedor, and Filoso in three falls in the *segunda*. Opening the show, Cortado and Escudero Rojo defeated Olimpico and Misterio Tapatio.

Wednesday, April 28th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Coliseo de Acapulco en Acapulco, Guerrero: A strange ending to the main event; the three rudos (Mano Negra, Sangre CHicana, and Emilio Charles junior) were disqualified for repeatedly power bombing Dandy; Dandy was stretchered, convulsing; he must not have been hurt too bad as he worked 48 hours later, getting pancaked by Porky. P. S., Dandy's teammates were Oro and Brazo de Oro. Plata and Ludwig Star (who's supposed to be really good) defeated Felino and Tornado Negro I in the semifinal when Felino *planchaed* Negro by mistake in fall three and both rudos were quickly pinned. Aspirante and Aquiles defeated Siniestro and the returning Guerrero Samurai II in the *tercera* in three falls. Underneath, Lalo el Exotico defeated Gran Anfibus and Super Lagramitas took care of Magistrado.

2) Desde la Arena Coliseo en Mexico, Distrito Federal: This was the retired wrestlers/referees' benefit show, and it seemed that the old-time and current referees were well feted here. They had a lucha show too, and Orito and Saigoncito Dragon opened it by defeating Felinito and Nueva Piratita Morgan. Next up, Olimpico took care of Reyes Veloz. Third, the trio of Guerrero Maya, Guerrero del Futuro, and Damian el Guerrero defeated Bronco, Talisman junior, and Pantera II. A real colorful tecnico semifinal trio (sarcasm) saw Ringo Mendoza, Cachorro Mendoza, and Blue Demon junior defeat Gran Markus junior, Mogur, and Javier "Monarca" Cruz. Finally, as you might expect on a benefit show, the tecnicos won the main event: Atlantis, Pierroth junior, and Corazon de Leon (in place of Rayo de Jalisco junior and one or more of the main three Brazos) defeated Negro Casas, Black Magic, and Fabuloso Blondy via disqualification in fall three. Oddly, for their own benefit show, not a single member of the EMLL office attended this benefit show!

Friday, April 30th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Coliseo en Mexico, Distrito Federal: We had two "off of television" matches today. In the main event, CMLL World Trios Champions Brazo de Oro, Brazo, and Brazo de Plata defeated Silver King, Dandy, and Texano two falls to one when Super Porky splashed Dandy in the third fall. This was described as being a really good match (remember, the whole card was said to have been their best in months by far). The opener went to Pegaso and Ultimatum in two straight over Mestizo and Reyes Veloz.

Sunday, May 2nd, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Coliseo en Mexico, Distrito Federal: Yes, this was the fifth EMLL show at this arena in the last eight days. And yes, feuds continued along the course of this week, the main one being Corazon de Leon and Negro Casas. In this card's headline attraction, Lasser Tron, Ultimo Dragon, and Corazon de Leon (the international non-Mexican trio) defeated Negro Casas, Masakre, and Sangre CHicana in two straight falls. Leon pined Masakre with *un tope* to end fall one. Casas then fouled Corazon to end fall two. In the semifinal, Titan, Hijo del Gladiador, and Gran Markus junior emerged victorious over Triton, Ciclon Ramirez, and Cachorro Mendoza. Aguila India, Aguila Solitaria, and Gran Apache I took care of Panico, Tornado Negro I, and Archangel de la Muerte in three falls in the *tercera*. Olimpico and Olimpus defeated Rey Barbaro and Halcon Negro junior in one opener while Pegaso and Vencedor went over Rey Bucanero and Escudero Rojo in the other.

Wednesday, May 12th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Coliseo de Acapulco en Acapulco, Guerrero:
We have a new CMLL World Middleweight Champion. Emilio CHARLES junior (Sergio Emilio CHARLES Galundio) defeated Dandy (Roberto Gutierrez Frias) two falls to one in a scientific match to take the title. Dandy had held the belt since winning it from Bestia Salvaje on December 16th, 1992, at la Arena Naucalpan. I have no other details yet.

Sunday, May 16th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Coliseo en Mexico, Distrito Federal: Not much of a card as they wind down the spring tour of Arena Coliseo (not to mention that since the UWA was not running el Toreo they could borrow UWA guys here too for this show). Pantera II, Triton (replacing the injured Blue Demon junior), and Gran Hamada main event lost in three falls to Fiera, Fabuloso Blondy, and Gran Markus junior. Mate made Pantera II submit to end fall three and the match. In the semifinal, Corazon de Leon, Plata, and Bronce defeated Cro Magnon, Popitekus, and Troglodita in three falls as Corazon pinned Cro Magnon to keep their feud going. Olimpus, Legendario, and Tornado Negro I (as a limpio, replacing the no-showing Talisman junior) defeated Gedo, Jado, and Archangel de la Muerte two falls to one via disqualification in fall three. Ovaciones new head lucha libre writer Silvia Ramirez ripped Talisman a new asshole for no-showing. Underneath, Platita and Tritoncito defeated Gargolita and JAque Matetito while Tania and India Azteca defeated Cynthia Moreno and Janet.

Cards

In addition to the "recent" cards listed below, I am including a brief list of stipulation matches that have been booked since May 1st, 1993, for which I as of yet have no results:

- * 5/1/93, at la Arena Puebla in Puebla, Mano Negra defended his NWA World Middleweight Championship against Atlantis, and el Archangel de la Muerte defended his mask versus the hair of Jabato. I presume Archangel and Mano Negra won, but do not know for sure yet.

- * 5/2/93, at la Arena Azteca in suburban Mexico City: Halcon Guerrero battled Tormenta Negra for this arena's middleweight championship and Hermanos Cobaltos faced Bestias Negra for the arena's parejas championships in a double main event.

- * 5/2/93 at el Deportivo Tibio Munoz in suburban Mexico City: Lady wrestlers Babe Centella and Nora Roldan had a hair match on top at this tiny gym today; underneath, Angel Exterminador II and Gacela Azteca had a mask match.

- * 5/8/93 at la Arena Apatlaco in suburban Mexico City: Raul Reyes (and sons) promoted a mask match main event tonight, as Cobalto took on Cachorro Negro. Underneath, for this arena's parejas championships, CHamaco Guerrero and Halcon Guerrero faced Tormenta Negra and Remolino Negro.

- * Finally, on 5/9/93, at suburban Mexico City's Arena Azteca, Reyes promoted another mask match main event, with Caminante facing Marfil.

Saturday, May 15th, 1993:

1) En la Pista Arena Revolucion desde la Ciudad de Mexico, Distrito Federal: For our Saturday night show at 8:30 pm, Atlantis, Pantera II, and Blue Demon junior take on Gran Markus junior, Fiera, and Fabuloso Blondy (so he still has not jumped) in our main event tonight. In the semifinal, Triton, Cachorro Mendoza, and CHamaco Valaguez wrestle Panico, Supremo I, and Hijo del Gladiador. Three other matches were also scheduled, but not listed.

Sunday, May 16th, 1993:

1) En la Pista Arena Revolucion desde la Ciudad de Mexico, Distrito Federal: Now it's time for our Sunday afternoon show, at 5:00 pm. Los CHacales are on top here (that would be Bestia Salvaje, Sangre CHicana, and Emilio Charles junior). They are booked to take on Lasser Tron, Supremo I, and Astro Ringo. Well, that's what Ovaciones said; a typo I presume. I think they meant Lasser Tron, Super Astro, and Ringo Mendoza. The semifinal pitted rudos Mogur, Felino, and Javier "Monarca" Cruz against tecnicos Ciclon Ramirez, Aguila Solitaria, and Nuevo Huracan Ramirez junior. Three other matches were scheduled here also, but not listed.

News

1) Ovaciones reports that veteran lady wrestler la Arbella will be returning to the mat soon. She retired about a year ago (to have a baby?) and now wants back in, with a crack at Xochitl Hamada at the top of her list.

2) Masakre is continuing his feud with Pierroth junior in the papers; expect things to start in the ring when they return to Arena Mexico next week (first card is Friday, May 21st, 1993).

Television

This week's television was taped Friday, May 7th, 1993, at "la Arena Mexico" in Mexico City, Distrito Federal, Mexico. And away Dave Scherer goes:

1. Inicial: Rey Bucanero and Escudero Rojo defeated Pegaso and Ultimatum two falls to one in a surprisingly good match. Ultimatum (who's very tall, stiff, and robot-like) pinned Rey in round one with the small package while Pegaso drop-kicked Rojo outside of the ring. Both rudos pinned Pegaso in fall two and both rudos got simultaneous pins in fall three after both tecnicos missed simultaneous monkey flip attempts. Better than it sounds. ** 1/2.

2. Segunda: Aguila India and Gran Apache I took two straight falls from Mestizo and Halcon Negro junior. Both faces got simultaneous standing splash pinfalls in fall one. In the second, Mestizo turned on Negro after a couple of accidental chops and the tecnicos immediately rolled them up for the victory. Boy, that Mestizo-Halcon Negro feud should draw big bucks. * 1/2.

3. Tercera: Revancha: Maria del Angel, Diabolica, and Tania defeated Lady Apache, Cynthia Moreno, and Janet two falls to one. Moreno pinned Tania and Janet pinned Maria in fall one. Maria pinned Janet with the power slam and Tania did the alleycopter on Moreno in round two, while Diabolica did a nice *tope suicida* onto Lady Apache. Maria pinned Apache in round three with the help of Diabolica who tripped Apache at just the right moment. Very good and hard-worked action. ***.

4. Semifinal: Fiera, Gran Markus junior, and Bestia Salvaje defeated Plata, Ringo Mendoza, and Blue Demon junior. The big story was the Markus did a backwards suplex onto Demon in the second fall and instead of Demon's being horizontal when it came time to hit the mat, he was vertical and went in neck first. He was rolled out of the ring and looked legit injured. They rushed to a finish in fall two (Salvaje pinned Plata, Demon was counted out, and Ringo was also counted out after being fouled by Fiera). Then they rushed through fall three in two minutes, presumably to get Demon out of there. Markus pinned Plata with a splash. Demon, by the way, had pinned Fiera to end fall one with the same reverse suplex that he got nailed with in fall two. Not good. *.

P. S. Late news I received Wednesday, May 19th, 1993, indicates that The Blue Demon junior broke his fourth and fifth vertebrae in his back from this bump, is currently immobile, and may be paralyzed. This may be an angles but if so it is awfully hard core.*

5. Estellar: Atlantis, Pantera II, and Ciclon Ramirez defeated Felino, Mano Negra, and Satanico two falls to one. Next week they return to la Arena Mexico and they set up the main event, with Felino defending his CMLL World Welterweight Championship versus Ciclon Ramirez. But as so often with the EMLL, the AAA beat them to the punch by one week. Ramirez pinned Felino in fall three with the ground german suplex hold to cap the best match of the show. Pantera did a great *tope* and Atlantis a super *plancha* in fall three. *** 1/2. When the card started only the first three rows of ringside were full. Now, at the end of the show, the building, which holds 5,100, was at least half full.

PREDESA

Results

Wednesday, April 28th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Naucalpan en Naucalpan, Mexico: In that strange stipulation match I had previewed for weeks, Kato Kung Lee senior defeated Kung Fu. Kung Fu won the first fall, fought by judo, by making Lee immobile. Lee won fall two, fought in karate, nine points to seven; during that fall, Lee "potatoed" Fu with a kick to Fu's right eye that shut that eye. The third fall, in lucha libre, went to Lee as well, as the one-eyed Fu was ripe for the picking. Fu resorted to *los chacos* (nunchukas), was caught, and disqualified. In the semifinal, el Villano V

pinned Silver King in fall three and so los Villanos defeated los Cowboys. Sanson, Olympus, and Impala defeated Lynx, Fiero, and Cerebro in the *segunda*, while Principe Maya won the *inicial* over Caminante.

Sunday, May 16th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Lopez Mateos in Tlalnepantla, Mexico: The finals of the "Copa Novel '93" national youngsters' tag-team tournament was held today. Los Rayos Tapatios I y II of Netzahualcoyotl went out early. In the finals, Los Angeles Del Espacios I y II (from Monterrey) defeated Visitante and Secreto Negro (of Puebla) to win the tournament.

Cards

Sunday, May 6th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena San Juan Pantitlan en Pantitlan, Mexico: Kato Kung Lee senior, Aguila Solitaria, and Huracan Sevilla teamed up in tonight's main event against Hijo del Solitario, Medico Asesino junior, and Javier "Monarca" Cruz. The semifinal pitted Solar II and Climax I versus M. S. 1 junior and Lobo junior. Los Rayos Tapatios I and II met Dinamicos I and II in the *tercera*. The *segunda* was CHamaco Guerrero and Tauro de Creta versus Super Archi and Pequeno Gigante. And, there was one more match scheduled. Would you have paid to see this card? See below.

News

1) Raul Reyes announced this past Thursday (5/13) that he was ceasing to promote carts at Pantitlan, Mexico's la Arena San Juan. This cessation will last at least the whole month of May. The admitted reason was because attendance was horrible. He reopened the arena for the first time in a year on April 28th with Texano/Dandy versus Satanico / M. S. 1 on top, Super Brazo/Brazo de Bronce/Brazo de Platino vs. Cavernicolas semifinal, and three undercard matches, and almost no fans showed up. The same thing happened on May 6th (see "Cards" above) so Reyes gave up after two shows.

UWA

Results

No new results here either in the last month except the Sunday shows about which I have already reported.

Cards

Monday, May 10th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Puebla en la Ciudad de la Puebla de los Angeles, Puebla, Mexico: Geez, I haven't been able to write about a Monday night card here for a while. Villanos IV and V took on Super Astro and Dos Caras in tonight's star feature. UWA World Trios Champions Signo, Negro Navarro, and Black Power II had a non-title semifinal against Transformer, Gran Hamada, and Celestial. In the *segunda*, King I, Coloso, and Nuevo Audaz battled Engendro, Scorpio I, and Scorpio junior. The *inicial* was Bat Blue and Aero Flash versus Potro Loco and Lanzaroth.

Thursday, May 13th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Toluca en Toluca, Mexico: The CMLL World Trios Champions (Brazo de Oro, Brazo, and Brazo de Plata) find their way to the main event of tonight's UWA card, where they face UWA rudos Doctor Wagner junior, Scorpio junior, and Shu el Guerrero. Scorpio senior and Rudo teamed in the semifinal to meet Coloso and King. Espiritu Negro and Esqueletor take on Hijo de Tigre and the almost-legendary Frayle Top (just kidding) in the *segunda lucha*, while Oriental faces Bay Boy in the opener.

2) Desde la Pista Arena Revolucion Mexico, Distrito Federal: Villanos IV and V main-event again here tonight; they were booked to take on Super Astro and Gran Hamada. Transformer and King Lee (now aka Tiger Mask III) take on Signo and Negro Navarro in the semifinal. Blue King (if he's recuperated) and King II

will fight Turako and Rey Richard in the *segunda*. The opener has Bat Blue and Razama scheduled against Suspenso and Sevillano.

Friday, May 14th, 1993:

1) Desde La Arena Netzahualcovotl en Netzahualcovotl, Mexico: This was the UWA's biggest card of the week, and was likely back to being a television taping. Here was the card:

1. Inicial: Not listed.

2. Segunda: Not listed.

3. Tercera: Transformer and Celestial versus Scorpios padre y hijo.

4. Semifinal: Gran Hamada and Enrique Vera senior versus Signo and Negro Navarro.

5. Estellar: Vampiro Canadiense, Dos Caras, and Super Astro versus Doctor Wagner junior, Villano IV, and Villano V.

News

1) There was no card at el Toreo this Sunday (5/16). This is due to some minor repairs being done to I believe the roof; i. e., no major problem. They return next Sunday (5/23).

2) The reason the 5/5/93 Canek/Vampiro title match did not take place is that Canek has hurt his right forearm -- torn ligaments, to be specific. Canek was hurt in a tag match held Monday, April 26th, 1993, at la Arena Puebla. Canek was teaming with Dos Caras against Villanos IV and V when one Villano did a jump off the top rope onto Canek's arm and must have connected a little more solidly than intended.

3) Goliath el Gigante and Eddie Watts return to UWA rings this week; their first date back in is Saturday, May 22nd, 1993, at la Arena Isabel in Cuernavaca, Morelos. It is expected that they will immediately pick up their "feud" with Dos Caras and Enrique Vera senior.

4) The Steel Warriors may be on their way back after "a world tour."

Television

Yes! They returned this week for the second straight week with a show from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon CT on Sunday, May 9th, 1993, on Imevision, channel 13. Sorry to say, I do not have a report yet on what all aired on the show.

MEDIA

* Ovaciones: Konnan, in his new role as "office employee of AAA," was the picture index honoree in Thursday's (5/13) newspaper; the picture referred to the world trip Konnan will be taking (see "AAA News" above). The Steel Warriors were in Friday's paper in the similar slot.

* Super Luchas (5/6/93, *Ano 3, Numero 1132*): The incredible shrinking magazine continued to shrink, as only 24 pages returned this week, heavy on AAA TripleMania pictures. In addition to TripleMania and results we had the following: the editor's page (with a picture of Huracan Ramirez posing with Cantinflas); a profile of "Ricardo el Corazon de Leon" (aka Richard The Lionhearted, aka Chris Jericho); the column by Doctor Alfonso Morales Villela (all TripleMania stuff); their own *cartometro*; a crossword (honoring Masakre); a letters section; an interviews with Perro Aguayo; full color posters of Felino and of Corazon de Leon; a candid camera page and a miscellaneous page; a news column ("*Espaldas Planas*"); 2 pages of Tony's cartoons; *una cartelera*; and a late minute news column. This magazine is literally only half of what it used to be.

* Box y Lucha (4/23/93, *Ano 40, Numero 2095*): In addition to the usual stuff, as described in the 5/7/93 review, we had the following wrestlers profiled: Halcon Dorado junior, Villano I, Atlantis, Pierroth junior, and Miguelito Perez junior. There were several articles as well: an interview with ex-

EMLL booker Marco Antonio Moreno Madrid, a preview of TripleMania, a feature on the 1993 independent *novatos*, and an article on the 50th anniversary of la Arena Coliseo.

* **Box y Lucha** (4/30/93, *Ano 40, Numero 2096*): In addition to the usual stuff, as described in the 5/7/93 review, we had the following wrestlers profiled: Corazon de Leon, Mestizo, Sangre CHicana, Saigoncito Dragon, Matty Matsuda (Japanese wrestler of the 1910's-1920's-1930's), Tornado Negro I, Gold Man, the late Angel Blanco, the late Salvador Lutteroth Gonzalez, and Pierroth junior. There were also articles about the national parejas rookies' tournament, TripleMania, and the 4/28 EMLL benefit show.

* **Box y Lucha** (5/7/93, *Ano 40, Numero 2097*): This magazine, Mexico's leader, did not cover TripleMania nearly as much as **Super Luchas** did. They had a big article, a second "review" article, a centerfold cartoon of "Adios, Konnan," and some editorial comment, but that was it. Really almost a regular issue. Those wrestlers featured this week were: el Guerrero Samurai II, Sangre CHicana, Martha Villalobos; el Hijo del Gladiador, Blue Panther, and Super Ferarri. There were articles on: an *Asociacion Nacional de Luchadores* (independent union) dinner for its awards; a Labor Day parade; and a Children's Day parade. They had a color centerfold of Negro Casas and their own news column ("*Espaldas Claras*," the one **Super Luchas** copies). They had all their usual features and a nice *cartelera* to wrap things up for still *la numero una revista* in Mexico.

* **La Prensa**: They had nothing in Thursday's newspaper; in Friday's (5/14) paper they had their usual one column summary about that night's AAA and EMLL cards. Not even one word about SUPERBARRIO this week.

* **Custodia** (5/25/93, *Ano 4, Numero 1932*): "*La Lucha Del Siglo Fue Una Farsa Total*" read the attack headline. It concluded that Konnan was programmed to lose because he "had accepted other employment at Televisa" and that he'd come back under a hood *a la* The Midnight Rider. They had a picture of Psicodelico, too.... Where has he been?

* **USA El Arma** (5/17/93, *Numero 358*): This weekly Laredo-based publication returned to covering *la lucha libre* this week with an article in the spots section about TripleMania. They covered the top two matches in a straight descriptive, results fashion.

* **Peligro** (5/20/93, *Numero 354*): Nothing this week to report.

* **Weekly Gong** (5/27/93, number 450); They had a superb spread on TripleMania in their center section. Their pictures were timely and the info they gave is a large basis of the lead story.

* I am sad to report the apparent demise of **Titanes Del Ring**. Damn, and just when it was really hitting its stride, too.

* **Weekly Pro Wrestling** (5/25/93, number 552): Nothing to report this week.

OTHER COUNTRIES

Japan

First, I have results:

1) FMW's big show of the year was held:

Wednesday, May 5th, 1993, before an SRO crowd of 41,000 fans at The Kawasaki Baseball Stadium in Kawasaki, Kanagawa, Japan (Video Taping):

1. Rie Nakamura pinned Keiko Iwami in 10:45 with the cross arm suplex hold.

2 (1 fall, 20:00 time limit): Eiji Ezaki pinned Koji Nakagawa in 10:03 with the moonsault press.

3 Five against five captain fall elimination ladies' tag team match (1 fall, 60:00 time limit): Team LLPW (Noriyo Tateno, Otako Hozumi, Yo? Beni, Mikiko Futagami, and captain Eagle Sawai) defeated Team FMW (Eriko Tsuchiya, Yoshika Maedomari, Kumiko Matsuda, and Yukie Nabeno, and captain Miwa Sato) in four falls in a total elapsed time of 25:52:

1) 14:21, Maedomari p. Futagami (not said how) match continues because CAPTAIN NOT PINNED

- 2) 1:17, Sawai p. Maedomari (not said how) match continues because **CAPTAIN NOT PINNED**
- 3) 6:28, Tsuchiya p. Beni (not said how) match continues because **CAPTAIN NOT PINNED**
- 4) 3:46, Sawai p. Sato (not said how), **CAPTAIN PINNED**
- 4. FMW versus AJWPW Tag Match: Megumi Kudo and Combat Toyoda defeated Toshiyo Yamada and Manami Toyota in 22:17 when Kudo pinned Toyota with the Tiger Suplex Hold.
- 5 Special Lucha Libre Match (1 fall, no time limit): The Great Sasuke, Kendo, and Bat Ranger defeated El Espanto IV, El Espanto V, and El Super Delfin in 20:22 when Kendo pinned el Espanto V with *una ruina*.
- 6 (1 fall, 60:00 time limit): The Sheik and Sabu defeated Doctor Hannibal and Doctor Luthor in 6:53 when Sabu pinned Luthor with the moonsault press.
- 7 Mixed Match: Shinobu Kandori made submit to the *waki* (Fujiwara Arm Bar) in 5:18.
- 8 Mixed Match (15 3:00 rounds): Grigori Veritchev (judo) made Leon Spinks (boxing) submit at 2:10 of round three to the side arm breaker submission hold.
- 9 No Rope Barbed Wire Six Man Tag Team Captain Fall Captain Loser Leaves Town Texas Death Match (1 fall, no Time Limit): The Gladiator, The Big Titan, and captain Ricky Fuji defeated Katsuji Ueda (substituting for the injured Sambo Asako), Tarzan Gotoh and captain The Great Punk in a total elapsed time of 17:35.
 - 1) 3:30, Titan p. Ueda, Titan Bomb, match continues because **CAPTAIN NOT PINNED**
 - 2) 4:34, Gotoh p. Titan, lariat, match continues because **CAPTAIN NOT PINNED**
 - 3) 9:31, Fuji p. Punk, german suplex hold, Punk must leave town
- 10 No-Rope Barbed-Wire Barbed-Wire-Cage Exploding-Land-Mines--in-the-ring-ropes Texas-Death Match (1 fall, no Time Limit): Atsushi Onita pinned Terry Funk in 12:14 with The Thunder Fire Power Bomb.

2) MICIHONKU finished their April series as follows:

6th card of tour) Saturday, April 24th, 1993, before a NON-sellout crowd of 800 fans in Tomiori, Iwate, Japan:

- 1. Shohki Yonezawa made Yoshiko Kimura submit in 5:57 to the double leg boston crab submission hold.
- 2. El Leopardo Negro pinned Yonezawa (working twice straight) in 10:12 with the german suplex hold.
- 3. Non-title: Xochitl Hamada defeated KAORU via disqualification at 7:49 due to the interference of KAORU's second.
- 4. Non-title: El Super Delfin pinned Shiryuh in 10:21 with the diving elbow drop.
- 5. Taka Michinoku Challenge Series (Number Six of Seven): SATO made Taka Michinoku submit in 11:06 to the *rakuda* (*la de a caballo* or camel clutch) submission hold.
- 6. The Great Sasuke, Haroaki "El Gran" Hamada, and Kendo defeated El Scorpio junior, El Espanto IV, and El Espanto V in 14:41 when Sasuke pinned E-IV with *una hurracarana*.

7) Sunday, April 25th, 1993, before a NON-sellout crowd of 310 fans in Tazawako, Akita, Japan:

- 1. Shiryuh p. Kimura, 10:18, frankenshiryuh
- 2. KAORU d. Hamada, DQ, 9:46, Hamada missile kicked the referee by accident
- 3. Non-title: Delfin p. Negro, 12:22, missile kick
- 4. Taka Michinoku Challenge Series (Number Seven of Seven): Haroaki "El Gran" Hamada made Taka Michinoku submit to a side arm breaker submission hold in 5:51. So Michinoku went 0-7-0 in his seven matches.
- 5. Sasuke/Kendo/SATO d. Scorpio/Espanto IV/Espanto V, 15:50, SATO p. Scorpio junior, *un tope con hilo*

8) Tuesday, April 27th, 1993, before a NON-sellout crowd of 850 fans in Sumita, Iwate, Japan:

- 1. Yonezawa p. Kimura, 10:06, DDT
- 2. Negro d. Yonezawa (working twice straight), 6:09, submission, double leg boston crab submission hold
- 3. Non-title: KAORU d. Hamada, 10:52, Hamada missile kicked the referee by accident (yes, exact same finish as night before)
- 4. Espantos IV and V d. Kendo and Shiryuh, 12:28, E-IV d. Shiryuh, submission, *Destructores* (no idea)
- 5. Sasuke/SATO d. Scorpio/Delfin, 15:06, Sasuke p. Scorpio, *una quebrada*

9) Wednesday, April 28th, 1993, before a NON-sellout crowd of 777 fans in Hanaizumi, Iwate, Japan:

- 1. Negro d. Yonezawa, 6:24, submission, single leg boston crab submission hold
- 2. Negro (working twice straight) d. Kimura, 7:44, submission, double leg boston crab submission hold
- 3. Non-title: KAORU d. Hamada, 15:45, Hamada missile kicked the referee by accident (yes, exact same finish as two nights before)
- 4. Delfin p. Shiryuh, 11:40, diving elbow drop

5. Sasuke/Kendo/SATO d. Scorpio/Espanto IV/Espanto V, two falls to one, total elapsed time: 15:14
 1) 9:21, Triple simultaneous tecnico victory
 2) 5:53, Sasuke p. E-IV, *una quebrada*

10) Thursday, April 29th, 1993, before a NON-sellout crowd of 666 fans in Tohno, Iwate, Japan:

1. Yonezawa p. Kimura, 6:57, DDT
2. Shiryuh p. Negro, 8:28, not said how
3. JCTV TV Championship: Champion KAORU defeated challenger Xochitl Hamada, 15:45, Hamada missile kicked the referee by accident (yes, exact same finish as three nights before)
4. Delfin/Scorpio d. SATO/Michinoku, 12:58, Delfin p. Michinoku, diving elbow drop
5. Sasuke/Kendo d. Espanto IV/Espanto V, 13:52, Sasuke p. E-IV, *una hurracarana*

11) Friday, April 30th, 1993, before a NON-sellout crowd of 850 fans in Tohvama, Iwate, Japan:

1. Michinoku p. Kimura, 9:57, *una quebrada*
2. Shiryuh p. Yonezawa, 12:06, frankenshiryuh
3. Non-title: KAORU d. Hamada, 15:45, Hamada *sentoned* the referee by accident (well, at least they varied the finish somewhat)
4. Delfin/Scorpio d. SATO/Negro, 16:27, Scorpio p. Negro, power bomb
5. Sasuke/Kendo d. Espanto IV/Espanto V, 15:39, Sasuke p. E-IV, *una quebrada*

12) Saturday, May 1st, 1993, before an SRO (!) crowd of 1,220 fans in Kitakami, Iwate, Japan:

1. Shiryuh d. Kimura, 9:50, submission, double leg boston crab submission hold
2. Negro p. Yonezawa, 8:54, german suplex hold
3. Non-title: KAORU d. Hamada, 12:59, Hamada elbow dropped the referee by accident (well, at least they varied the finish somewhat again)
4. Scorpio/Delfin d. Kendo/Michinoku, 16:12, Delfin p. Michinoku, diving elbow drop
5. Sasuke/SATO d. Espantos IV and V, two falls to zero, total elapsed time 18:10
 - 1) 6:59, Sato p. E-IV, *una hurracarana*
 - 2) 11:11, Sasuke p. E-V, german suplex hold

13) Sunday, May 2nd, 1993, before a NON-sellout crowd of 1,030 fans in Sanriku, Iwate, Japan:

1. Shiryuh p. Kimura, 6:14, backdrop
2. Negro d. Shiryuh (working twice straight), 11:22, submission, single leg boston crab submission hold
3. Non-title: Hamada p. Kaoru, 11:35, not sure how
4. Kendo/SATO p. Esapntos IV/V, 15:16, Sato p. E-IV, *un tope con hilo*
5. Sasuke/Michinoku d. Delfin/Scoprio, 18:11, Sasuke d. Scorpio, submission, side arm breaker submission hold

14) Monday, May 3rd, 1993, before a NON-sellout crowd of 750 fans in Miru, Aomori, Japan:

1. Shiryuh p. Yonezawa, 7:53, power bomb
2. Negro p. Kimura, 9::53, The Mongolian Claw
3. Non-title: Hamada p. Kaoru, 10:09, not sure how
4. Delfin/Scorpio p. Michinoku/Kendo, 19:17, Delfin p. Michinoku, german suplex hold
5. Sasuke/SATO d. Espantos IV/V, 17:35, Sasuke p. E-IV, not sure how

15th and final card of tour) Tuesday, May 4th, 1993, before a NON-sellout crowd of 1,850 fans in Kessenbuma, Aomori, Japan:

1. Shiryuh d. Yonezawa, 8:37, referee stop, Shiryuh had Yonezawa in the side arm breaker submission hold and Yonezawa would not give up but could not escape
2. Negro d. Kimura, 10:23, submission, double leg boston crab submission hold
3. Delfin p. Michinoku, 12:36, The Monkey Magic Special Number 2
4. JCTV TV Championship: Champion KAORU pinned (1) challenger Xochitl Hamada, 11:55, *una hurracarana*
5. Great Sasuke/Kendo/SATO d. Scorpio junior/Espanto IV/Espanto V, two falls to one, total elapsed time: 26:47
 - 1) 12:23, tecnicos got a triple simultaneous pinfall victory
 - 2) 7:19, Scorpio junior p. SATO, power bomb
 - 3) 7:05, Great Sasuke p. Espanto V, fisherman's suplex hold

3) A quick note from the big New Japan show held at The Fukuoka Dome on 5/3/93; Kohji Kanemoto, who works as "King Lee" in Mexico, won the Legendary Super Hero Battle as Tiger Mask III pinned Jyushin "Thunder" Liger in 14:25 with the tiger suplex hold.

4) Universal had a one-day tour called La Gran Estrella '93 on Friday, May 7th, 1993, before a crowd of ? fans at The Kohrakuen Hall in Tohkyoh, Tohkyoh, Japan. Here were the results:

1. UWA World Welterweight Championship: Challenger and UWF Super Welterweight Champion El Super Delfin (Hiro Wakida) defeated champion El Celestial (Alavaro Menendez) in 13:07 via pinfall with The Delfin Clutch. Delfin becomes now the 17th ever UWA World Welterweight Champion, and el Celestial loses for the first time in 10 defenses.

2. CMLL World Women's Heavyweight Championship: Champion Xochitl Hamada pinned challenger Kaoru (Kaoru Maeda) in 14:57 with the power bomb.

3. BatRanger, Rokcy Santana, and Kendo defeated El Espanto IV, El Espanto V, and El Scorpio junior in 19:06 when Santana pinned El Espanto V with The Rocky Special. BatRanger was substituting for the injured Atsushi Onita, who did show and posed for pictures and gave an in-ring speech.

4. El Brazo De Platino (? Alavardo Nieves) and El Brazo De Bronce (Aaron Alvarado Nieves) defeated SATO and The Great Sasuke (Masanori Murakawa) two falls to one in a total elapsed time of 16:33.

1) 5:17, Paltino p. SATO, diving *senton*

2) 3:43, Sasuke d. Platino, submission, side arm breaker submission hold

3) 7:33, Bronce p. Sasuke, northn lights' suplex hold

5) Finally, here are results from the disgusting W*ING promotion's W*ING Danger Road Tour

1st card of tour) Tuesday, May 4th, 1993, before a crowd of ? fans in Mizuho, Tohkyoh, Japan (Partial Results):

Carribean Barbed Wire Six Man Tag Team Texas Death Match: Leather Face, The Head Hunter A, and The Head Hunter B defeated Mitsuhiro Matsunaga, Yukihiro Kanemura, and Jason The Terrible in 9:55 when A pinned Matsunaga.

El Texano and Silver King defeated Masayoshi Motgei and Hiroshio "Matti" Itakura in 12:16 when e Texano pinned Motegi.

2) Wednesday, May 5th, 1993, before a sellout crowd of 5,696 fans in Odawara, Tohkyoh, Japan (Partial Results):

W*ING World Tag Team Tournament Contenders' Match: The Head Hunters A and B defeated el Texano and Silver King in 15:10 when A pinned Texano with the moonsault press.

Crash The Terminator, Bash The Terminator, and Golaith el Gigante defeated Yukihiro Kanemura, Miguelito Perez junior, and Jaos The Terrible in 22:37 when Goliath pinned Jason with the choke slam.

3) Thursday, May 6th, 1993, before a crowd of ? fans in Gifu, Gifu, Japan:

W*ING World Tag Team Tournament Contenders' Match: Yukihiro Kanemura and Miguelito Perez junior defeated Crash The Terminator and Bash The Terminaotr in 13:47 when Perez pinned Bash with the moonsault press.

In news, New Japan finally completed the announcement of their next tour. It is called "Explosion Tour '93: Top Of The Super Junior IV" and begins 5/25 and ends 6/15. Here are the dates, cities, and TV tapings with estimated air dates: (listed in this way: date: city, state, country) and now the matches:

* 05/25/93: Niigata, Niigata, Japan:

- Fujinami/Choshu/Chono/Hase/Iizuka vs. Kimura/Koshinaka/Kobayaski/Kabuki/Aoyagi
- Hashimoto/Ohara vs. H. Saitoh/Machine
- Muto/Nogami vs. Gotoh/Honaga
- Samurai/Kojima vs. Liger/Ohtani

* 05/26/93: Omiya (The Skate Center), Saitama, Japan

- Choshu/Kojima vs. Koshinaka/A. Saioth
- Fujinami/Nakanishi vs. Kabuki/Aoyagi
- Chono/Nagata vs. Kobayashi/Kimura
- Hashimoto/Ohara vs. Machine/H. saitoh
- Muto/Hase vs. Eaton/Halme
- Top Of The Super Junior Tournament: Liger vs. Malenko
- Junior: Pegasus vs. Orihara
- Junior: Lightning vs. Findlay
- Junior: Samurai vs. Ohtani

* 05/27/93: Fukushima, Fukushima, Japan

- Junior: Guerrero vs. Malenko
- Junior: Ohtani vs. Findlay
- Junior: Samurai vs. Scorpio

- * 05/28/93: Tohkyoh (The Kohrakuen Hall), Tohkyoh, Japan:
 - Junior: Pegasus vs. Malenko
 - Junior: Ohtani vs. Liger
 - Junior: Samurai vs. Orihara
 - Junior: Findlay vs. Ohtani
- * 05/29/93: Susono, Shizuoka, Japan:
 - Junior: Honaga vs. Lightning
 - Junior: Guerrero vs. Scorpio
 - Junior: Pegasus vs. Ohtani
- * 05/30/93: Hachiohji (Amenity Trial), Tohkyoh, Japan:
 - Junior: Pegasus vs. Honaga
 - Junior: Lightning vs. Liger
 - Junior: Findlay vs. Orihara
 - Junior: Malenko vs. Ohtani
- * 06/01/93: Kohchi, Kohchi, Japan:
 - Junior: Pegasus vs. Samurai
 - Junior: Lightning vs. Scorpio
 - Junior: Findlay vs. Guerrero
- * 06/02/93: Takamatsu, Kagawa, Japan:
 - Koshinaka/Kobayashi/Aoyagi vs. Machine/H. Saitoh/Gotoh
 - Hashimoto vs. A. Saitoh
 - Muto/Chono vs. Kabuki/Kimura
 - Halme/Eaton vs. Choshu/Hase
 - Fujinami/Kojima vs. Iizuka/Nogami
 - Junior: Pegasus vs. Liger
 - Junior: Lightning vs. Orihara
 - Junior: Findlay vs. Samurai
 - Junior: Scorpio vs. Ohtani
- * 06/03/93: Mihara (Legion Plaza Coliseum), Hiroshima, Japan:
 - Junior: Guerrero vs. Honaga
 - Junior: Findlay vs. Liger
 - Junior: Scorpio vs. Malenko
- * 06/05/93: Tsu, Mie, Japan (TV taping; likely air date 6/12/93):
 - Choshu/Fujinami vs. Koshinaka/Kimura
 - Chono/Nogami vs. Kabuki/A. Saitoh
 - Ohara vs. Aoyagi
 - Hashimoto/Hase vs. Machine/H. Saitoh
 - Muto/Iizuka vs. Halme/Eaton
 - Junior: Guerrero vs. Lightning
 - Junior: Honaga vs. Ohtani
 - Junior: Orihara vs. Liger
 - Junior: Scorpio vs. Pegasus
- * 06/06/93: Oda section of Kanagawa city, Kanagawa, Japan:
 - Junior: Malenko vs. Lightning
 - Junior: Samurai vs. Guerrero
 - Junior: Orihara vs. Ohtani
 - Junior: Scorpio vs. Findlay
- * 06/08/93: Hamamatsu, Shizuoka, Japan:
 - Machine/Gotoh/H. Saitoh vs. Kimura/Koshinaka/Kobayashi
 - Choshu/Hase vs. Chono/Nogami
 - Halme/Eaton vs. Iizuka/Fujinami
 - A. Saitoh vs. Muto
 - Hashimoto/Ohara vs. Kabuki/Aoyagi
 - Junior: Malenko vs. Orihara
 - Junior: Ohtani vs. Guerrero
 - Junior: Pegasus vs. Lightning
 - Junior: Liger vs. Honaga
- * 06/09/93: Nara, Nara, Japan:
 - Kimura/Koshinaka/Kobayashi/A. Saitoh/Aoyagi vs. Kojima/Hase/Nogami/Choshu/Fujinami
 - Iizuka vs. Kabuki
 - Machine/H. Saitoh/Gotoh vs. Chono/Muto/Nakanishi
 - Halme/Eaton vs. Ohara/Hashimoto
 - Junior: Samurai vs. Honaga

- Junior: Orihara vs. Scorpio
- Junior: Malenko vs. Findlay
- Junior: Liger vs. Guerrero
 - * 06/10/93: Iwade-cho (suburb of Wakayama which is a suburb of Ohsaka), Wakayama, Japan:
- Junior: Samurai vs. Lightning
- Junior: Honaga vs. Scorpio
- Junior: Pegasus vs. Findlay
 - * 06/11/93: Sohka (Sohka Sports Arena), Saitama, Japan:
- Junior: Liger vs. Samurai
- Junior: Honaga vs. Malenko
- Junior: Orihara vs. Guerrero
- Junior: Lightning vs. Ohtani
 - * 06/12/93: Chigasaki, Kanagawa, Japan:
- Junior: Liger vs. Scorpio
- Junior: Honaga vs. Orihara
- Junior: Pegasus vs. Guerrero
- Junior: Samurai vs. Malenko
 - * 06/14/93: Ohsaka (Ohsaka Prefectural Coliseum), Ohsaka, Japan:
- Fujinami/Choshu/Muto/Hase/Iizuka vs. Kimura/Koshinaka/Kabuki/Kobayashi/A. Saitoh
- Tenryu/Ishikawa vs. Hashimoto/Ohara
- IWGP Tag Titles: The Hell Raisers versus Tony Halme and Bobby Eaton
- Kido vs. Fujiwara
- Chono/Nogami vs. Hara/Machine
- H. Saitoh vs. Aoyagi
 - * 06/15/93: Tohkyoh (Nippon Budokan or "Budokan Hall"), Tohkyoh, Japan (TV taping; likely air date 6/19/93)

California

Results

Sunday, May 9th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Mexico de Los Angeles en South Los Angeles, California: This arena set up its super-spectacular card of the 16th as follows. In the main event, Piloto Suicida, Mercurio, and Halcon Blanco defeated Lover Boy, Cesar Sando junior, and Venom. Lover Boy had Suicida pinned in round three with *una hurracarana* but Mercurio snuck and reversed the roll-up, causing Suicida to literally come out on top. In the semifinal, Gitano, Dinamic junior, and Hechicero Negro I defeated Signo Azul, Tlaloc, and Tornado Negro II when Signo Azul accidentally hit his own partner Tornado Negro II leading to the loss. This set up a mask match between the two for next week.

2) Desde The All Nations Center en East Los Angeles, California: Going from opener to main, here's the rundown. The opener was a double-pin draw between Maquina Infernal I and Aguila Azteca. Dinamic junior and Palomino Ramirez defeated Rey Cobra and Ponky Boy II in the second match via disqualification when fellow rudo Guerrero del Universo ran in to aid the rudos. Hechiceros Negro I y II defeated their ex-partner Mythor and his new friend Apache two falls to one in the middle match. The semifinal was won by Guatemalan bandits Verdugos I and II over Gitano and Leopardo Negro, as Gitano took the fall in round three. Finally, the main event attraction went to rudos Lover Boy, Cesar Sando junior, and Doctor Muerte; they won two out of three falls from Piloto Suicida, Piloto Nuclear (the "babyface" character of Venom), and Halcon Blanco.

Saturday, May 15th, 1993:

1) Desde The Boys and Girls Club of Pomona en Pomona, California: Piloto Suicida returns tonight in the main event, teaming with CHamaco Rebelde and Mercurio against Lover Boy, Crazy Boy, and Venom (ex-Piloto Nuclear). This went to a double disqualification when the referee called the match out of control as BOTH Crazy Boy and CHamaco turned. CHamaco has been a lifelong rudo and suddenly for one match he's a tecnico and turns back and. Gori CHavez and Tornado Negro II represented *la lucha ruda* poorly in the semifinal, losing in three falls against Rayo de Plata and Halcon Blanco. Gori CHavez turned on Negro and beat the piss out of Negro II (who juiced heavily, but not around his new Tornado Negro). Guatemalan villains Verdugos I y II defeated Corsario de Plata and Leopardo Negro in three falls in the *tercera*. Sioux I y II defeated Vitalic and Sombra de Plata in the *segunda*. Larry Ludden defeated Thunder Machine open the show in *un mano a mano inicial* two falls to one. The finish of the third fall saw Ludden with "The Patriot Missile" (shoulder block off of the top rope). Machine lariatd Ludden after the match, left him laying, and set up the rematch. This was said to have been a very good match. Today's referee was booker/promoter Sergio "Mister 'Little' Banana" Garcia.

Cards

Sunday, May 16th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Mexico de Los Angeles en South Los Angeles, California: This arena promoted its first ever spectacular show, called "LocoMania," today with a double main event. Piloto Suicida gets his first title rematch for the "WWA World Welterweight Championship" against champion Lover Boy in the main event of this afternoon (2:00 start time) card. Obviously this is not the same WWA belt that Santito and Canelo Casas fought for two nights earlier. The other main had *una encuentra de mascara contra mascara* with Tornado Negro II taking on Signo Azul (of whom I've never heard until now). In the *lucha especial*, in *un mano a mano*, Mercurio finally gets a singles' match with long-time rival Cesar Sando junior. Underneath, Al Murrieta, Gori CHavez, and Scare Face battled Flash, Cosmos, and Halcon Blanco; and Ponky Boy II and Guerrero de Universo met Aguila Azteca and Pequeno Halcon. The referees were Little Banana and Little Bear.

2) Desde The All Nations Center en East Los Angeles, California: Piloto Suicida week continues here as he teams in the main with Mercurio and Capitan Oro against The Boys: Super, Crazy, and Lover. Verdugos I y II take on Dinamic junior and Leopardo Negro in the semifinal, while a rare *mano a mano tercera* pits Palomino Ramirez against Rey Cobra. This show was set to start at 6:30 pm although I'd take that time with several grains of salt.

MINI-BIOGRAPHY: CORAZON DE LEON

Normally, when a new main event wrestler arrives in Mexico City to begin a tour, the major lucha libre magazines give him some free publicity. First time free, I guess. I had been wanting to do a mini-biography on Chris Jericho for some time, but had not been able to acquire enough information. Well, now he has debuted in Mexico City, and the articles have run. I still don't have a lot but enough to go on.

Chris Jericho - and I am not certain that is his real name although a couple of people have told me that they thought that it was -- was born in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, in 1970. As a youngster, he grew up watching Calgary wrestling. Since he grew up in the 1970's and 1980's, this is who main evented in his territory: The Dynamite Kid, Davey-Boy Smith, Bret Hart, Owen Hart, Bruce Hart, Brian Pillman, Bad News Allen, Chris Benoit, Biff Wellington, Makhan Singh, Keiichi Yamada, Hiroshi Hase, and others. Quite some role models, huh? Apparently Chris had to practically beg his parents (Ted and Irvine Jericho) to let him be a wrestler, as it seems he was a pretty good student at his university school (i. e., high school) where he finished 13th grade.

But a wrestler is what he wanted to be. He trained with and debuted in 1990 against an old friend, Lenny Saint Clair, who now wrestles also as "Doctor Luthor" in Japan for FMW. Apparently, Allen Coage (Bufalo Allen for the UWA) was their main trainer. Indeed, their mutual friend and fellow trainee at the time, a man who wrestles as "The Big Titan" for FMW, brought Chris and Lenny over to work for FMW. Chris worked in 1991 and in 1992 for one tour per year for FMW as a tag team wrestler under the team name of "Sudden Impact." In 1991, his partner was Lance T. Storm but in 1992, Storm was replaced by Kevin Fall. Jericho and his team got over great as "Canada's Steiner Brothers," a comparison based on wrestling styles and work rate.

Jericho worked for a while in 1992 in Calgary for the CIWF, a small promotion which never drew much of a crowd. He won the CIWF Mid- (i.e, Light-) Heavyweight Championship in late 1992 but dropped it back to take up an offer to work in Mexico.

Another Allen disciple, Mike Lozansky, who wrestles in Mexico as "El Tigre Canadiense," brought Jericho in December 1992 as his tag team partner. Jericho was dubbed "El Tigre De Oro" due to his bleached blond hair. From December 1992 to April 1993, Jericho and Lozansky strictly worked the Monterrey circuit for then-EMLL promoter Carlos Elizondo. Elizondo left to join the AAA in April 1993 and about that same time, Jericho was contacted by Paco Alonso, titular head of the Mexico City-based EMLL. The Canadian duo had gotten over great and were being considered by the AAA for a mid-card (semifinal, maybe?) tag-team spot in February and March of 1993. Somehow, the AAA didn't keep after Jericho, and the EMLL did. On April 23rd, 1993, Jericho debuted as "Corazon de Leon" (Lion Heart as in Richard The Lion Hearted) for the EMLL and now is virtually their most over babyface in less than a month.

Jericho will be in the EMLL until about June 1st, then he goes over to Japan for a three-week tour, then he returns to Arena Mexico, where the big push will really kick in. His interests are said to be Stephen King novels, a rock band he is in ("Black Stone Menese"), and newspaper reporting (!) which he actually worked at for three months before his wrestling career took off. A flexible and acrobatic light heavyweight, Jericho can and will draw money on both sides of the fence (male and female) in 1993 and beyond.

A death in the family (sort of)

Finally, a personal note, if you please. I started getting the lucha libre magazines and newspapers in Chicago in late July of 1989. The magazines come on Friday afternoons as do some of the week's newspapers; most of the rest come Saturday mornings. For almost four years now I have been going through a regular routine. I'd pick up the literature on Fridays and Saturdays and save it all up to read in one fell swoop on Saturday mornings. I'd take my material and go to eat breakfast virtually every Saturday morning at The Blue Star Grill, a family restaurant at Belmont and Ashland near my home in Chicago.

It was the kind of place where they knew me, and not just by name. They knew what I liked to eat and how I like to have it cooked. I became friends over the years with the cooks and waitresses and everybody. It became one of my very favorite times of the week. Not only would I find out what was going on in the world of la lucha libre, but the quiet time would give me a chance to organize my thoughts. That is, I'd figure out what I wanted to write and how to put it for the newsletter. The friendly folks at The Blue Star always gave me a big table to spread out on and enough time to stay and read for as long as I wanted.

As most of you know, I started this newsletter on February 16th, 1992. But before that, I was putting together something similar and sending it to a couple of interested friends pretty much all the way back to 1989. And each communication began, in my mind, at The Blue Star Grill.

The saddest deaths are the sudden ones, aren't they? This past Thursday (5/13), the owners of the restaurant were notified that the building had been sold, and that they would have to close at the end of the business day (3:00 pm) next Tuesday, May 18th, 1993 (my 35th birthday). Literally, and I'm not joking, the building, including its other tenants like the office supply store, will be razed for a parking lot. The commercial area the restaurant is in is finally coming back to financial life and the owners of the property see a more profitable future in a parking lot than in a greasy spoon.

And so it goes. Sadly, as the restaurant dies, so does a big part of the life blood and history of Lucha Libre Weekly. Time to play "*Las Galondrin*as" for me now, I guess. The eight to ten full-time employees of the restaurant are out of work and I'm out of my favorite breakfast spot -- all involuntarily. It's highly unlikely I'll be able to keep up with most of them and their new restaurant homes, though I'll try. It won't be the same doing this newsletter -- a task that is immensely helped if one forms and adheres to a standard routine -- without my favorite place whence each issue literally began. Goodbye, my friends. I will miss you more than you will know. Thanks for everything. I'll find another place, I suppose, and it may be just as good. But one thing's for certain. It won't be the same.

Publisher's Note: Please remember that the next issue, issue 62, will be mailed as scheduled on 5/19. THE NEXT ONE (what would normally be mailed 5/26) I am taking a week off for work-related reasons (will be mostly out of town). The week after (mailed 6/2) will be a regular issue and continue as normal

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